

# STAR TREK VOYAGER®

## EPISODE #239

### “CHILD’S PLAY”

The Voyager crew must rescue a young boy being used as a weapon of destruction against the Borg.

Just as Echeb, one of the children rescued from the Borg, is finally adapting to the ship and his talent for astrometrics, Janeway locates his parents. They set a course for Brunali, and Seven breaks the news. He doesn't remember his parents and is dismayed that his planet's technological resources are limited due to Borg attack. When he is escorted to the surface for a reunion with his parents, he resists their culture and asks to be taken back to Voyager.

Janeway invites Echeb's parents to stay on Voyager to become reacquainted with their son. Although Seven is ordered to encourage his acceptance of his parents, she is bothered by the Brunali planet's proximity to a Borg conduit. She fears his parent's refusal to move indicates they value their goals over the safety of their child, just as her parent's commitment to researching the Borg resulted in her assimilation. However, all she can do is watch as Echeb reluctantly agrees to have dinner with his parents. Once he tastes his favorite meal, lovingly prepared by his mother, he begins to feel closer to them.

Touring the settlement with his father, Echeb finds that although it is primitive, the Brunali are using every bit of technology they can salvage to make advancements in agriculture and genetics. However, they need help if they are going to continue to forge ahead. He soon realizes that he belongs at home with his parents, assisting them with their technological advances and defenses against the Borg.

Shortly after Echeb has returned home, Seven learns the boy was taken by the Borg while on a transport vessel. This conflicts with Echeb's father's story of his abduction from the planet's surface. After reviewing tactical data from the Borg cube where Echeb was rescued, Seven finds other inconsistencies and alerts Janeway. Meanwhile, Echeb's mother convinces his father that they must once again send their son on the mission for which he was born.

Once Janeway confronts Echeb's parents, the crew learns the boy is being used as a weapon against the Borg. He has been genetically engineered since birth to carry a deadly pathogen and is being sent to the Borg conduit to be assimilated. The pathogen will destroy the Borg and buy the Brunali more time. Voyager is almost abducted along with Echeb's vessel, but the crew transports him to sickbay just in time and leaves a photon torpedo in his place. Echeb is once again a member of the crew, and Seven must now help him accept his right to determine his own destiny.



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## CAST

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one boy must do battle with the Borg.

